

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, please consider the following remarks. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Office Action Double Patenting Rejection

In paragraph (2), the Office Action provisionally rejects claim(s) 21-44 under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,722,292.

In response, the Applicants have attached a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection and a Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b). The Applicants respectfully suggest that claims 21-44 are now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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